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TEXT OF TELEGRAM 84ISLAMA004737

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OVERALL 1984 PROGRAM BEFORE ANY DECISION ON SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING IS MADE. END SUMMARY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS OF REFUGEES (PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN, INFANTS) WAS DISCUSSED

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TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO SUCH REDUCTION  
HAS TAKEN PLACE NOR IS ANY PLANNED. INDEED, THE TERMS  
OF THE 1984 PROGRAM ARE STILL NOT SPECIFIED. THEREFORE  
THE STATEMENT THAT THERE IS A QUOTE VITAL NEED TO  
UNDERTAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM FOR INFANTS  
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IN REFUGEE CAMPS UNQUOTE COMES AS A SURPRISE TO US.

NUTRITIONISTS AND HEALTH WORKERS CONTINUE TO REPORT  
MINIMAL NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS AMONG AFGHAN REFUGEES  
IN PAKISTAN. INFANTS THEORETICALLY NOW RECEIVE FULL  
ADULT RATION OF 500 GRAMS WHEAT, 30 GRAMS OSM AND 30  
GRAMS OIL. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE QUANTITY OF FOOD  
COMMODITIES REACHING THE CAMPS IS ADEQUATE TO PREVENT  
MALNUTRITION, PROVIDED IT IS DISTRIBUTED AND  
CONSUMED PROPERLY.

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REFTEL. WE SUPPORT CONCEPT OF SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING  
RIALS AND COULD, IF FINDINGS OF CDC REPS ARE FAVORABLE.

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VEN ENVISION RECOMMENDING A WELL-MANAGED TARGETED  
ROGRAM OF SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING IN CAMPS TIED TO  
IEALTH AND NUTRITION EDUCATION. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE  
MORE ANALYSIS AND COORDINATED PLANNING MUST PRECEDE  
ANY SUCH PROGRAM.

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NEED EXISTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING OF INFANTS.  
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